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SUBJ: LIBYAN PASSPORT PROBLEM

1. GARY COUCH, AMERICAN DEPENDENT SON OF OIL CO. EMPLOYEE, REPORTS HE WAS REFUSED ENTRY LAST NIGHT AT TRIPOLI AIRPORT AND FORCED TO BOARD RETURN FLIGHT TO MALTA. ALTHOUGH IN POSSESSION OF VALID VISA, AUTHORITIES INSISTED HE MUST ALSO HAVE ARABIC TRANSLATION.
2. COUCH REPORTED HE LEFT TRIPOLI FOR ROME ON JULY 10 SPECIFICALLY TO GET VISA TO ENABLE HIM TO RETURN TO LIBYA BECAUSE APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT HAD BEEN REFUSED. RECEIVED VISA WITHOUT DIFFICULTY AT LIBYAN EMBASSY ROME AND WAS ENROUTE BACK TO REJOIN FAMILY WHEN DENIED ENTRY.
3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRACTING COUCH'S FATHER, WILLIAM GARRANT COUCH, AT AMERICAN OVERSEAS PETROLEUM CO. IN TRIPOLI, TEL. 37141, EXT. 121, AND ADVISE HIM REASON FOR SONS NONARRIVAL, AND THAT HE IS IN NEED OF FUNDS. COUCH IS STAYING AT OSBORNE HOTEL IN VALLETTA. TEL. 23657.

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